

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

<b>JUDITH THIBEAU AND GEORGE THIBEAU,</b>	:	
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<b>Plaintiffs</b>	:	
<b>v.</b>	:	<b>Case No. 04-10643 MLW</b>
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<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	:	
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<b>Defendant</b>	:	
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**ANSWER TO AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Defendant United States of America, by its undersigned attorneys, hereby answers  
Plaintiffs' Complaint as follows:

**First Defense**

The Complaint fails to state a claim upon against defendant upon which relief can be  
granted.

**Second Defense**

Any injuries incurred by Plaintiffs were not proximately caused by the acts or omissions  
of Defendant, its agents and employees.

**Third Defense**

Plaintiffs' alleged injuries were caused at least in part by their own failure to exercise due  
care.

**Fourth Defense**

This Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the claims of George ThibEAU.

**Fifth Defense**

George Thibeu has failed to exhaust his administrative remedies.

**Sixth Defense**

Defendants hereby answer the numbered paragraphs of the Complaint in accordance with the order and manner set forth in the Complaint:

1. Defendant admits that Judith Thibeu is an adult but is without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.
2. Defendant admits that George Thibeu is an adult but is without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.
3. Admit.
4. Deny.
5. This paragraph contains conclusions of law regarding jurisdiction to which no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph alleges that Defendant operates or maintains the health center, or that it was negligent, those allegations are denied. Defendant also denies that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the claim by George Thibeu.
6. Defendant admits only that Judith Thibeu filed an administrative claim with the Department of Health and Human Services on August 11, 2003, regarding an alleged injury sustained on September 26, 2002, and denies the remainder of this paragraph. Defendant specifically denies that George Thibeu exhausted his administrative remedies.
7. Defendant admits only that it received the administrative claim of Judith Thibeu on August 11, 2003.
8. Admit.
9. Defendant admits that Judith Thibeu visited the health center located at 79 Paris

Street, East Boston, on September 26, 2002.

10. Admit.

11. Admit.

12. Admit.

13. Admit.

14. Admit that the health center administers the Vision Center but deny that all staff of the Vision Center are health center employees.

15. In the absence of a definition of the word “subdivision” as used in this context, deny.

16. Deny.

17. This paragraph contains conclusions of law as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, deny.

18. Deny.

19. Deny.

20. This paragraph contains conclusions of law as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, deny.

21. This paragraph contains conclusions of law as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, deny.

22. Defendant admits that Judith Thibeu had her eyes examined at the Vision Center on September 26, 2002.

23. Admit only that dilating drops were administered to Ms. Thibeu’s eyes.

24. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

25. Admit.

26. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

27. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

28. Deny.

29. Deny.

30. Deny.

31. Deny.

32. Deny.

33. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

34. Deny.

35. Deny.

36. Deny.

37. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

38. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

39. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

40. In response to this paragraph, Defendant incorporates all prior responses set forth

above.

41. Deny.

42. In response to this paragraph, Defendant incorporates all prior responses set forth above.

43. Defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph and specifically denies that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the claim of George Thibeu.

Defendant states affirmatively that Plaintiffs are not entitled to a trial by jury under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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